

*Stated Meeting, June 15.*

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From C. F. P. von Martius, dated Munich, May 18, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of the Society:—

From the Society of Arts and Sciences, of Batavia, dated June, 1854; from the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna, dated 18th and 27th November, 1854; from the Baron von Hammer Purgstall, dated Vienna, April 5, 1855; from Dr. W. H. Vriese, dated Leyden, Nov. 4, 1854; and from Dr. N. B. Shurtleff, dated Boston, June 4, 1855,—severally announcing donations for the Library:—

From the Imperial Geological Institute at Vienna, dated Oct. 22, 1854, returning thanks for Vol. X. Parts 1, 2, 3, of the Transactions, and Nos. 40 to 50 of the Proceedings of this Society: and—

From the New Jersey Historical Society, dated Newark, May 8, 1855; from the American Antiquarian Society, dated Worcester, Mass. June 9, 1855; and from the Rhode Island Historical Society, dated Providence, June 11, 1855,—respectively communicating thanks for No. 53 of the Proceedings.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Sitzungsberichte der K. Akademie der Wissenschaften: Math. Nat. Classe, Band XII. 5 Heft; Band XIII. 1, 2 Heft.—Phil. Hist. Classe, Band XII. 5 Heft; Band XIII. 1, 2 Heft. Wien. 1854. 8vo.

Register zu den ersten X. Bänden der Sitzungsberichte der Math. Nat. Classe der K. Akad. der Wissenschaften. Wien. 8vo.

Geognostische, Karte der Umgebungen von Krems und vom Manhardsberge:—von Joh. Czjzek. 1849.—*From the Imperial Academy of Sciences, Vienna.*

Jahrbuch der K. K. Geologischen Reichsanstalt. V. Jahrgang. No.

2. 1854. Wien. 8vo.—*From the Imp. Geological Institute, Vienna.*

Programm des Großherzogl. Lyceums zu Freiburg im Breisgau, 1854:—Aristarchos über die Grossen und Entfernungen der Sonne und des Mondes; übersetzt und erläutert von A. Nokk. Freiburg. 8vo.

Verzeichniss von Doubletten der Universitätsbibliothek zu Freiburg im Breisgau. 1853.

Antrittsrede gehalten am 4 März. 1854, an der Albert Ludwigs-Universität zu Freiburg: von Prof. Dr. Joh. Alzog. 8vo.—*From the University, Freiburg.*

Transactions of the Linnean Society of London. Vol. XXI. Part 3. 4to.

Proceedings of the Linnean Society. Nos. 52 to 58, 1853-4: with List of the Society, and Address of Thomas Bell, Esq. the President, May 24, 1854. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Verhandelingen van het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen. Deel XXV. Batavia, 1853. 4to.

Tijdschrift voor Indische Taal-Land-en Volkenkunde, uitgegeven door het Bataviaasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen. Deel I. II. Batavia, 1853-4. 8vo.—*From the Batavian Society of Arts and Sciences.*

Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York;—procured in Holland, England and France, by John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq. Agent. Edited by E. B. O'Callaghan, M.D. Vol. V. Albany, 1855. 4to.—*From the Trustees of N. Y. State Library.*

Transactions of the Albany Institute. Vol. III. and IV. Part 1. Albany, 1855. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. VII. No. 8. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

A Discourse delivered before the Rhode Island Historical Society, Feb. 6, 1855, on the Life and Times of John Howland, late President of the Society. By Edward B. Hall, D.D. Providence. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. V. 10, 12. Apr. May, 1855. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

First Annual Report and Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, for the year 1854. Madison, Wis. 8vo.

Report on the Iron of Dodge and Washington counties, State of Wis-

- consin. By James G. Percival, State Geologist. Milwaukee. 8vo.—*From the Wisconsin Historical Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXIX. No. 6. June, 1855. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Vol. III. p. 105 to 184. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XV. No. 6. April 13, 1825. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Ueber die Arabische Geographie von Spanien. Dec. 1854. 8vo.
- Ueber die Arabische Wörter im Spanischen. Nov. 1854. 8vo.
- Das Kamel. Wien, 1854. 4to. Vom der Freiherrn Hammer Purgstall.—*From the Author.*
- Monographie des Marattiacées. Par W. H. De Vriese et P. Harting. Leide, 1853. 4to.
- De Kamferboom van Sumatra. Door W. H. De Vriese, &c. &c. Leiden, 1851. 4to.—*From the Author.*
- Ueber die Proximitäten der Bahnen der Planeten und Kometen: von J. A. Grunert, Prof. zu Greifswald. Nov. 1854. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- A Treatise on Pneumatics: being the Physics of Gases, including Vapors, &c. By Martin H. Boyé, M.D. A.M., &c. &c. Philadelphia, 1855. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England. Printed by order of the Legislature. Edited by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, M.D. Mem. Hist. Soc. Mass., &c. Vol. IV. Part 2. 1661–1674. Vol. V. 1674–1686. Boston, 1854. 4to.
- Catalogus Universitatis Harvardianæ. MDCCCLIV. Cantab. 8vo.
- Catalogue of the Public Library of the City of Boston, 1854: and City Documents relating thereto. 1855. 8vo.
- Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the City of Boston. 1855. 8vo.
- Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. April 12, 1855. 8vo.—*From Dr. N. B. Shurtleff.*
- The Astronomical Journal. Vol. IV. No. 12. Cambridge, May 26, 1855. 8vo.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr. Editor.*

Mr. Trego announced the decease of Mr. George Campbell, a member of the Society, who died on the 11th inst. in the 73d year of his age.

Judge Kane informed the Society that in consequence of the

action of Congress at their last session, an expedition consisting of two vessels, one of which is propelled by steam, had sailed from New York, on the 4th of the present month, to the Polar regions in search of the party of Dr. Kane. The course proposed is through Baffin's bay, and up Smith's sound to the ice-barrier, where one vessel may be left, while the other proceeds through accidental openings as far as practicable, when the search will be prosecuted by means of sledges. The expedition took out with them a monument of marble, furnished by the liberality of Mr. Grinnell, of New York—with an appropriate epitaph, by Lady Franklin, to the lost explorers of Sir John Franklin's party.

The amendment to the laws of the Society, proposed at last meeting, was adopted as follows: In Chap. I. Art. 10, add the words "and pay their admission fee," after the word "laws," in the third line of the Article: making the amended clause to read as follows: "Members elect, residing within ten miles of the Hall, shall lose the right of membership unless they subscribe the laws *and pay their admission fee*, within one year after their election.

The Committee appointed on the subject of re-engraving the seal of the Society reported progress.

Mr. Fraley, Dr. Dunglison and Mr. Trego were announced as a Committee on the application of the fund advanced by the City to the Society, in aid of astronomical observations.

Mr. Trego, as reporter to the Society, laid on the table No. 53 of the Proceedings, recently published.

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*Stated Meeting, July 20.*

Present, thirteen members.

JUDGE KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. E. J. Lewis, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From Mr. Edward Stanley, dated London, Brook street,